

## House Resolution 729

By: Representative Marin of the 96<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the 2007 Soy Unica Soy Latina Rally and Celebration; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, on May 31, 2007, over 500 Latina girls, their families, and friends will gather  
3 for the annual Soy Unica Soy Latina Rally and Celebration to be held at the DeKalb Event  
4 Center adjacent to Plaza Fiesta in Doraville, Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, there are almost 7 million Latina girls under the age of 18 living in the United  
6 States and Latina girls rank higher than any other racial or ethnic group in rates of pregnancy,  
7 depression, and suicide; and

8 WHEREAS, to combat these, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services  
9 Administration and the Center for Substance for Abuse Prevention have developed "¡Soy  
10 Unica! ¡Soy Latina!," a bilingual campaign aimed at Latina girls ages 9 to 14 and their  
11 mothers; and

12 WHEREAS, Soy Unica Soy Latina is designed to help Latino families build and enhance  
13 their daughters' self-esteem, mental health, decision making and assertiveness skills and to  
14 prevent the harmful consequences of alcohol, tobacco, and illicit drug use; and

15 WHEREAS, the Clinic for Education, Treatment, and Prevention of Addiction, Inc., provides  
16 the Soy Unica Soy Latina after school program free of charge and uses Soy Unica Soy Latina  
17 project materials to provide substance abuse prevention and cultural components to the  
18 program; and

19 WHEREAS, the program's highlight is the annual Soy Unica Soy Latina Rally and  
20 Celebration where program participants showcase their newly found dancing and public  
21 speaking skills and share what they have learned about alcohol and drugs, their Latino  
22 culture, and themselves.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
2 the members of this body recognize the 2007 Soy Unica Soy Latina Rally and Celebration  
3 and its many contributions to ensuring the health and well-being of Georgia's young Latina  
4 women.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
6 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the organizers of the Soy  
7 Unica Soy Latina Rally and Celebration.